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SUBJECT: Preliminary Interrogation of Prince Valerio BOROMISE.

TO: Chief, 305th CIC Detachment, Fifth Army, APO 464, US Army.

1. Herewith for information one copy of SCI Unit Z Report, file reference JZX-1369, in respect to subject.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

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SUBJECT: Barrel Bureaucy Inc. or corporation of Prince Valerico BORRERSA

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-211) (P)  
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (44-111) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;  
RE: SAC, LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL 11, 1968.

SUBJ. AS C-IN-C. OF ITALIAN  
SABOTAGE ORG. WITH GERMAN  
T.S. KINSE.

### Circumstances Leading to Interrogation

Subject was brought from Milan to Rome after having been captured by the agents of this Unit prior to the Allied offensive. He was removed from Milan to avoid an impossible situation with the Germans and taken to Rome for detailed interrogation. Subject is being held at the disposition of CSOIC and this Unit.

### 3.5 Relationship between 10th MAS and CRS

2. Until the fall of 1943, Subject's unit was completely at the disposition of the German Intelligence Service. The first elements of the 10th WAS to enter the German Service did so in January 1944, joining the organization of THOMAS VON ROHMSTEIN. From reports and personal observation, Subject came to the conclusion that this system worked to the complete disadvantage of the Italians in his unit inasmuch as the Germans had no regard for the personal safety of the men, did not train them properly for their missions, and Subject himself received no reports of the results.

C. Protest to General HARSTER:

3. In August 1944 Subject talked the situation over with General HARSTER and, as a result, an agreement was made whereby no 10th MAS personnel could be employed by the Germans without Subject's authorization. Requests were to come through HARSTER and, for the most part, Subject recalls that they were made directly through his liaison officer, KOEHLER. During the following months, Subject's estimation of the treatment received by his men from the Germans continued to decline, particularly after he had inspected, sometime during September or October, the COMPRESSION Organization maintained by Major BECUS at CAMPALTO. Following this inspection, Subject went to HARSTER and stated that he would give no additional men to the Germans but would work along along the espionage and sabotage lines already laid out by the CIS. HARSTER stated that he would talk over the proposal with his subordinates, HUEGEL and BECUS. Subject never again discussed this aspect of the situation with HARSTER and, in the period that followed, operated on an independent basis with monthly reports of his activity being supplied to HARSTER.

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Formation of the VECA Battalion

During this time, Rossi was in the Northern Italian cities, he had the so-called VECA Battalion, which was composed of men who were to be placed in the hands of the German or Italian forces for the purpose of carrying out sabotage or espionage under the direction of a German or Italian officer. With this purpose, the NF units which up to now had been in the German Service, were transferred to the VECA Battalion. BUTAZZONI himself was removed from all connection sabotage or espionage activities and his men converted to straight infantry use. The work of the VECA Battalion was conceived as:

- a. Gathering intelligence information in AOT.
- b. The commission of acts of sabotage in AOT.
- c. The preparation of post-occupation espionage and sabotage in the main Northern Italian centers.

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ROSSI was in complete charge of this activity and kept Subject informed through regular reports of the progress along the three lines indicated.

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OF C-IN-C OF THE  
ITALIAN SABOTAGE GROUPS,  
PRINCE VALERIO BORGHESE.

Preparation of 10th MAS PIA Groups:

With regard to the preparation of post-occupational groups in Northern Italian cities, Subject states that the activity of the VECA Battalion proceeded simultaneously with similar activity carried out by the GIS, by the Republican Fascist Intelligence Service under PAVOLINI and probably also by the MGIR. All of these, according to Subject, were working separately. During November and December, ROSSI presented a program for the establishment of five 10th MAS groups of post-occupational agents, namely, in MILAN, TORIN, GENOA, BOLOGNA and VENICE. The Venice group was to have its headquarters in the city but to work throughout the whole Veneto area. Each group was to be composed of six or more men and, in all, according to Subject, the number of VECA Battalion personnel who volunteered for the work was between 60 and 70. Each group was to be provided with a portable W/T set, arms and explosives. In each city various forms of commercial cover were to be used. The objectives of the group, according to Subject, were strictly military; namely, the groups were to operate during the course of military operations. ROSSI, he states, was the only one who knew all the details of the plan. During the course of the winter he came to MILAN every week or two to explain the progress achieved, to get additional funds, etc. The details ROSSI presented in the form of regular reports which, according to Subject, are in the archives of the 10th MAS at his headquarters in the Castello di Lonato at LONATO. Others who knew to a greater or lesser extent of the program were UKA and (2nd Lt.) OTTAVIO MORBELL. The latter was head of Subject's secretariat and therefore received all of the reports and was responsible for their safekeeping and filing.

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7. The members of the post-occupational groups were placed during winter and March. According to the plan, the groups were to keep up communication with subject, whose base was to be located in the mountains and then to come and defend either in the mountains or the German rear. Subject believes that the entire program was based upon the assumption that the Allied occupation of Northern Italy would be gradual, and therefore that there would be ample opportunity to provide for the withdrawal to other headquarters as the Allied armies approached. Subject states that as far as he knows, the groups received no orders with regard to the eventuality of an armistice. He believes that this was a fundamental error on his part, but believes that none of the group could work following the cessation of military hostilities. Subject saw ROSSI for the last time at the end of March or the 1st of April, but only for a brief moment. He was told that LOCASIO (identical with the LOCASIO mentioned in the interrogation of LOCATELLI) had been captured by partisans. Following this, Subject had no further reports. He did not see ROSSI again, and therefore does not know what decisions were taken with regard to the operation of the groups, but again states with certainty that, as the purposes were strictly military and devoid of any post-defeat aspects, none of the groups would continue operations.

#### 8. Pin Group Personalities Concerned

8. Inasmuch as ROSSI was in complete charge of all of the activities of the VECA Battalion in general and of the pin group in particular, Subject states that he himself recalls only a few of the people concerned in the post-occupational program. He has heard the name of Rino GRASSO. UFA, Subject states, as Commandant of the 10th MAS, was au courant of all operational activities; the VECA Battalion as a component of his command therefore came under his observation. According to Subject, however, UFA was completely out of the planning and execution of the post-occupational groups.

9. (Signora) Fede Arvaudi, OCEK, head of the 10th MAS Women's Auxiliary, Subject states, had absolutely nothing to do with the post-occupational program.

10. (Lieut.) Giuseppe GOZZI, in his capacity as 10th MAS paymaster, would probably know more of the details, next to ROSSI, than any other person concerned. Subject recalls that large sums of money were given to GOZZI for the use of the groups, and both GOZZI and ROSSI were made personally responsible by Subject for the expenditure of all funds. Subject recalls that (Lieut.) Giovanni DI LORO AMPERIO was one of the members of the post-occupational team. He recalls also that (Lieut.) Elio GUOCCHIARI, an expert saboteur with several missions to AOT to his credit, was another pin group member.

INVESTIGATION ITALIAN SABOTAGE UNIT WITH PROBABLE KNOWLEDGE OF STAY BEHIND ACTIVITIES PLANS.

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11. Aside from these, however, Subject states that none of the other VECA members concerned are recalled by him, nor does he recall any details of the commercial cover established in each city. He states that following the closing of the post-occupational groups those who remained of the VECA Battalion, numbering about 140, were re-assigned to other units and the VECA Battalion itself was dissolved in March 1945.

#### H. Interrogator's Comments:

12. Subject has given every indication of complete willingness to cooperate, and great care and insistence has been placed during the course of interrogation upon the precise objectives of the 10th MAS post-occupational network. Nothing has been adduced which would indicate that the groups, as far as Subject is concerned, were designed for a post-defeat mission. From a general standpoint, this program would seem hardly likely to be undertaken by Subject in view of the fact that he had so completely compromised himself in the service of the Germans and the German Intelligence System, and therefore knew that all members of his Units would be removed from circulation either by Allied or Italian agencies.

#### I. Recommendation:

13. Subject states that Mario ROSSI, on Subject's order, if necessary, could effectively apprehend all members of the network and uncover their arms and explosives cache. Further recommendation in this regard will be rendered following receipt of preliminary interrogation of Mario ROSSI.

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(Source: See Preliminary)  
APO 454

Date 12 JUN 1945

12 June 1945

SUBJECT: Search for 10th MAS Files and Documents in Castello di Lenate  
at LOMATO (K2458), Province of Brescia.

TO : A. G. of S., G-2 (CI), Fifth Army, APO 454, U. S. Army.

1. Reference is made to SSI Unit 2, Rome, letter of 28 May 1945, file reference JRM-1589 to A. G. of S., G-2 (CI), AFM, Subject: "Preliminary Interrogation of Prince Valerio MUSMANN", forwarded to this office by letter A. G. of S., G-2, 5th Army, dated 2 June 1945, same Subject. Paragraph 2 of the SSI Unit 2 letter stated that archives of the 10th MAS were in the Castello di Lenate at LOMATO (K2458), Province of Brescia.

2. On 9 June 1945 Special Agent Gordon Mason of this office went to LOMATO to find out if the 10th MAS archives were still in the Castello di Lenate. It was learned that the SS1st Italian Division (Italian APO 167) had established its headquarters in the building which is being used as the office of the division staff. Special Agent Mason questioned Carabinieri ANARO Pasquale of the SS1st Division who had made the original inspection tour preparatory to occupation by his unit. ANARO claimed that on 13 May 1945 when he inspected the building no documents remained. He admitted, however, that there had been a quantity of waste paper left on the floor of some of the rooms, but the caretaker of the estate reported that this had been removed by an unidentified waste paper gatherer.

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